

## **Agenda**

O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission

O'Fallon Museum / Downtown O'Fallon Meeting Room  
101 West State Street

Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes
3. Public Hearings - none
4. Discussion
  - a. Old City Hall
  - b. Possible 2016 Designations
    - i. St. Ellen Mine/Park
5. Work Session
6. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: Next meeting June 7, 2016, @ 6:30 p.m. - O'Fallon Museum /  
Downtown O'Fallon Meeting Room; 101 West State Street**

General Citizen Comments: The City of O'Fallon welcomes comments from our citizens. The Illinois Open Meetings Act provides an opportunity for citizens to speak at all committee and Board meetings. However, 5 ILCS 120/1 mandates that NO action shall be taken on matters not listed on the agenda. Please submit your name to the chairman and limit your comments so that anyone present has the opportunity to speak.

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
O'Fallon Museum/Downtown O'Fallon Meeting Room  
101 West State Street  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call: all present
2. Approval of prior meeting minutes: motion to accept minutes made by Spengler, seconded by Keller, all ayes, motion approved
3. Public Hearings: none
4. Discussion:
  - a. Visitors: Three board members from the Mother Jones Museum, Mt. Olive, Ill. They retold stories of growing up in an area where most residents were miners.
    - i. biggest unionized group was in Southern Illinois
    - ii. 1898 strike in Virden, 4 of 7 killed were from Mt. Olive
    - iii. miners started own cemetery when they were barred from using city cemetery
    - iv. Mother Jones wanted to be buried there with her comrades
    - v. railroads owned many of the mines to supply their own trains
    - vi. coal companies often pitted different nationalities against each other
  - b. City is in negotiations with interested party to purchase Old City Hall. Announcement may be made at May 2, 2016 council meeting.
  - c. FYI: Harter's former bowling alley facility on West State St. has potential purchaser.
  - d. Possible future designations
    - i. St. Ellen Mine/Park – continue working on each part. Planned work session next meeting to scan funeral records in order to learn statistics of miners, i.e., country of origin, age, cause of death, etc.
5. Adjournment: Motion made by Hertich, seconded by Keller – all ayes.

Next meeting: 6:30 p.m., May 3, 2016 in the Downtown O'Fallon Meeting Room of the O'Fallon Museum – 101 W. State St.